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Statement on the situation in Ukraine

Recalling the obligations of all States under Article 2 (4) of the UN Charter to reframe international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations, and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered;

Whereas the unitary Republic of Ukraine became a sovereign independent nation through its “Act of Independence” on 24 August 1991, following the adoption of the “Declaration of State Sovereignty of Ukraine,” with the right of territorial integrity and self-determination of the people of Ukraine;

Whereas Ukraine is a member of the United Nations and the Council of Europe and, therefore, legitimately claims all the rights afforded to Member States;

Therefore, the members of the Center for Peace Studies of North South University hereby:

- (1) *condemn* Russia’s invasion of Ukraine manifestly in contravention of international law and practice, also *condemn* escalation of violence in Ukraine by all other actors;
- (2) *express* grave concern at reports of civilian casualties in Ukraine;
- (3) *stand* in solidarity and empathy with the embattled people of Ukraine in their quest for peace, protection and security in their homeland as a free democratic European state;
- (4) call upon all parties to immediately cease the use of force and hostilities in Ukraine;
- (5) *affirm* Ukraine’s right to national sovereignty, territorial integrity, and freedom to pursue its self-determination;
- (6) *call* for the international community’s sustained engagement of the plight of Ukraine with a view to taking all measures that seek a peaceful and diplomatic resolution upholding the principles of the UN Charter.

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